

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A vehicle steering wheel having an axis, said steering wheel comprising:

a skeleton embedded in a foam casing; and

a covering cap having an edge, said covering cap, for actuation of a horn, being mounted so as to be displaceable in an axial direction, said foam casing of said skeleton adjoining said edge of said covering cap; τ

a gas bag module including a housing, said housing being open towards said covering cap and adapted to receive a gas bag, said housing having an electrical contact displaceable with said covering cap for a predetermined distance in an axial direction into contact with a corresponding electrical contact disposed on said steering wheel; and

a plurality of guides for guiding displacement of said covering cap, said guides being provided in a region of said edge of said covering cap, said guides being arranged ~~such that~~ and elastically mounted such that, upon laterally pressing down said covering cap for said predetermined distance by a force suitable for actuating said horn, said guides are tilted by an amount allowed by a yielding of said foam casing.

2. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein a gas bag module is provided which is closed by said covering cap and which together with said covering cap is mounted so as to be displaceable in said axial direction, said guides being connected with said gas bag module.

3. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 2, wherein said gas bag module has a cup-shaped receiving housing which is open towards said covering cap and adapted to receive a gas bag, an edge of said receiving housing having extensions projecting laterally outwards and towards said edge of said covering cap, said guides being provided on said extensions.

4. (Currently amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 3, wherein said guides are bolts which are formed in one piece with ~~on~~ said receiving housing.

5. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 3, wherein said receiving housing as well as said guides are made of plastic.

6. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 2, wherein a detent connection is provided between said skeleton and said gas bag module to support said gas bag module.

7. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein restoring springs are provided, said guides being bolts which extend through said restoring springs.

8. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein bearing bushes are provided, said guides being bolts which are inserted in said bearing bushes, said bearing bushes being fixedly mounted on said bolts in said axial direction and being pressed into said foam casing.

9. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein said guides are received in said covering cap so as to have no lateral play.

10. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein said module has a front side and said covering cap covers said module entirely on said front side.

11. (Previously amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein said guides are not directly connected with each other.

12. (Previously added) A vehicle steering wheel comprising:

a skeleton embedded in a foam casing and a covering cap having an edge, said covering cap, for actuation of a horn, being mounted so as to be displaceable in an axial direction, said foam casing of said skeleton adjoining said edge of said covering cap,

a gas bag module including a cup-shaped receiving housing which is open towards said covering cap and adapted to receive a gas bag,

said housing having an electrical contact which is displaceable with said covering cap in an axial direction into contact with a corresponding electrical contact located on said steering wheel,

a plurality of guides formed in one piece with said housing so that no clearance exists between the outer surface of said guide and the housing, said guides being provided in a region of said edge of said covering cap, said guides being arranged such that and elastically mounted such that upon laterally pressing down said covering cap for actuating said horn, said guides are tilted allowed by a yielding of said foam casing.

13. (New) A vehicle steering wheel having an axis, said steering wheel comprising:

a skeleton embedded in a foam casing, said foam casing having a plurality of recesses;

a covering cap having an edge, said covering cap,

for actuation of a horn, being mounted so as to be displaceable in an axial direction, said foam casing of said skeleton adjoining said edge of said covering cap;

a gas bag module including a housing, said housing being open towards said covering cap and adapted to receive a gas bag, said housing having an electrical contact displaceable with said covering cap for a predetermined distance in an axial direction into contact with a corresponding electrical contact disposed on said steering wheel; and

a plurality of guides for guiding displacement of said covering cap, said guides being provided in a region of said edge of said covering cap, said guides being arranged and elastically mounted such that, upon laterally pressing down said covering cap for said predetermined distance by a force suitable for actuating said horn, said guides are tilted by an amount allowed by a yielding of said foam casing,

each of said guides being arranged for axial movement in a corresponding one of said plurality of recesses of said foam casing.

14. (New) A vehicle steering wheel having an axis, said steering wheel comprising:

a skeleton embedded in a foam casing;

a covering cap having an edge, said covering cap, for actuation of a horn, being mounted so as to be displaceable in an axial direction, said foam casing of said

a gas bag module including a housing, said housing being open towards said covering cap and adapted to receive a gas bag, said housing having an electrical contact displaceable with said covering cap for a predetermined distance in an axial direction into contact with a corresponding electrical contact disposed on said steering wheel;

a plurality of guides for said covering cap, said guides being provided in a region of said edge of said covering cap; and

a plurality of bearing bushings arranged in said foam casing for receiving said guides,

said guides being arranged and elastically mounted such that said guides, together with said bearing bushings are tilted upon lateral pressure exerted on said covering which lateral pressure displaces said covering cap said predetermined distance for actuating said horn.